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### **USAREUR commander visits Bamberg**



Gen. David McKiernan, Commanding General U.S. Army Europe, receives an update on renovation works at the JFK Teen Fitness Center during his visit to Bamberg on Oct. 18. He also toured the new Warrior Transition Unit barracks and met with Rear Detachment Commanders, Non-Commissioned Officers and Family Readiness Support Assistants, as well as Family Readiness Group leaders. Photo by James Fredrick

### "Hooah Day" puts spouses to the test



173rd ABCT spouses show just how "Hooah" they are, as they tackle group PT drills at the 173rd parade field here on Warner Barracks.

Story and photos by James Fredrick

Slapping on camouflage face paint and dawning a wide variety of Army clothing, spouses from the deployed 173rd Airborne Combat Team (ABCT) braved a cold, cloudy fall morning to take part in Hooah Day on Oct. 12.

Over 50 participants from the 173rd units stationed here at Warner Barracks transformed from Army spouses to Army Soldiers as they made their way through

various stations, all intending to give them a realistic yet lighthearted feel for Army training.

Everyone got the chance to take aim on the virtual firing range and try some group physical training (PT) exercises. While arranged in formation, they counted off as they did pushups, side-straddle hops (a.k.a. jumping-jacks), and kneebenders.

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### General West visits 16th Special Troops Battalion

Story and photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson 16th SB Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Scott West, commander, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, toured the vehicle and weapons facilities of the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, and spoke with battalion Soldiers and leaders Oct. 11.

The tour was part of a maintenance terrain walk that the general conducts with subordinate units of the 21st TSC, in an effort to focus more attention on equipment maintenance, he said.

"I honestly think we [in the Army] have walked away from maintenance as a core competency," West said.

The walk began with an 11 a.m. briefing in the 16th SB conference room, where the general outlined his ideas on maintenance to unit leaders and was briefed on the prescribed load list (PLL); the overage recoverable item list (ORIL); test, measurement and diagnostic equipment list (TMDE); scheduled maintenance of rolling stock, and weapons, and other aspects of maintenance.

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- Pfc. Mark Armstrong

After the briefing, West and unit leaders went to the 16th STB motor pool, where he quizzed two mechanics, Pfc. Mark Armstrong and Pfc. Jeremy Ridgley, both Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th STB.

"Every time he comes in here he always challenges us," Armstrong said. "He knows what he's talking about and he's in it for the Soldiers."

After visiting with Soldiers at the motor pool, and inspecting paperwork and tools with leaders, the general's next stop was Ray's Dining Facility. (See **VISIT** page 2)

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At the DFAC West spoke with Soldiers about their concerns here at Bamberg.

Spc. Lillian Zulu, S-1 clerk, 106th Financial Management Company, 16th STB, mentioned her concerns about the plumbing in the barracks, Bldg. 7048, and the open-bay showers, to the general.

The 16th STB Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Chun, informed the general, and the group of Soldiers, that the brigade has plans to renovate the barracks and fix the plumbing problems, but that kitchens and bathrooms would not be added to the rooms.

Zulu said she appreciated hearing about the renovation plans and that the general took the time to hear her concerns, though she wished she could have a kitchen a bathroom in her room.

Cpl. Claudia Kroll, administrative noncommissioned officer, HHC, 16th STB, discussed her concerns about on-post housing.

"He seemed to listen, and as you heard, he told [16th SB Brigade Commander] Col. Martin Pitts that [leadership] should bring it up in the next housing meeting," Kroll said.

After the session at the DFAC, and a visit to the battalion motor park and Bravo Company, 16th STB, the general concluded the maintenance terrain walk with a stop at the HHC arms room.

After inspecting several weapons, including the weapons of unit



Brig. Gen. Scott West, commander, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, quizzes Pfc. Jeremy Ridgley (right) and Pfc. Mark Armstrong, both mechanics in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, Warner Barracks, about High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) maintenance Oct. 11. Photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson

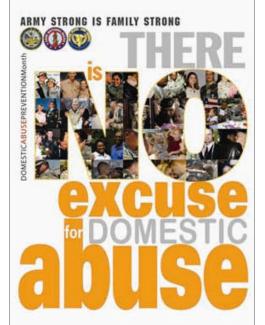
commanders, West presented the armorer with a 21st TSC coin. "I'm going to lend you this," West said to Spc. Justin Tolleson, armorer, HHC, 16th STB. "I'm going to come back in 90 days and inspect it for burrs and debris."

Tolleson said the general was very thorough, and reinforced an important point.

"I have over 300 weapons," Tolleson said. "I can't clean them all. Soldiers must maintain operator standards for their own assigned weapons." After the maintenance terrain walk the General reiterated his message to unit leaders.

"Maintenance has always been, in our Army, a core competency," West said. "We train Soldiers to maintain their equipment, we train our unit leaders to train Soldiers on how to maintain their equipment. We know that equipment maintenance is very important on the battlefield and it's very important in training." The walk is very useful, West said.

"The great thing that the maintenance terrain walk does for us is that it's leader development for gauging how well we're doing in training leaders as maintenance leaders in organizations," he said.



#### To the US Army Garrison Bamberg community,

There is no excuse for domestic abuse. This has always been the Army's policy. In this community, we hold people accountable. We expect everyone to be vigilant about all forms of domestic abuse.

The Army is fully committed to assuring that victims of domestic abuse are protected through a combination of reporting options and multiple sources of support and intervention. The key to effective prevention is a commitment from command and all members of the community to assist in this effort.

In the USAG Bamberg community the Army Family Advocacy Program is charged with this prevention mission. On the intervention side, our team of Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, Family Advocacy Program Manages, Social Work professionals and the Medical Treatment Facility staff stand ready to serve the needs of victims and their Families. To report domestic abuse, or to learn about prevention and services, contact the Bamberg Family Advocacy Program at DSN:469-8397.

To reinforce our commitment, I hereby declare October 2007 to be Domestic Abuse Prevention Month at USAG Bamberg.

Remember: Army Strong is Family Strong. There is no excuse for Domestic Abuse.

Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg

Commander, US Army Garrison Bamberg

# Bamberg moves towards 2007 CFC-0 goal

Bamberg Public Affairs office news release



Helping those in need here in the European theater, in the United States, and

elsewhere around the world is an affirmation of the American spirit. Now through Nov. 30, 2007, the Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas (CFC-O) offers a valuable way for us to display that spirit by providing a reliable means for us to help others in need.

The Directorate of Human Resources reports that the Bamberg Military community is on their way towards "Making a World of Difference" and reaching their \$60,000 community campaign contribution goal for 2007.

"As of today, our community has already raised \$31,000 towards our goal, thanks to the outstanding support from the Bamberg CFC-O Unit Coordinators," says Patrick Longfield, CFC-O Community Area Project Officer, "but we still have a ways to go."

Longfield reminds contributors of the electronic pledge options available this year. "Contributors can fill out an electronic pledge card via the website or give by using the newest credit card option developed by the CFC-O," he said. The user-friendly instructions will guide contributors through selecting the charity or charities of their choice and entering their personal and contact information to create an electronic pledge card.

If you wish to contribute to our local installation's Family Support and Youth Program (FSYP), you may do so by choosing "FSYP" on your pledge card. One hundred percent of FSYP funds return to the community; no administrative costs are deducted from FSYP contributions. Remember, from providing softballs for youth to funding language classes for spouses or art supplies for the local child development center, FSYP Makes a World of Difference in your community!

If you haven't been contacted by a CFC-O Unit Coordinator or would like to obtain a pledge form, campaign material, or obtain additional information about the CFC-O please contact the Directorate of Human Resources office at DSN:469-7713 / 8651. For more information about the CFC-O go to www.CFC-overseas.org.



Cpt. Corbin Copeland, 173rd BSB Rear-D commander, escorts Elizabeth Johnstone, wife of Col. Mark Johnstone, 173rd ABCT deputy commanding officer, through the confidence course.



Encouragement and teamwork help the 173<sup>rd</sup>ABCT Family Readiness Group participants up and over the obstacles on the course.

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At the mock door training facility, 1st Sgt. Damon Tracey Haynie, 173rd ABCT North, Rear Detachment, gave an airborne demonstration that included the basics of using a parachute and what it is like to soar out of a plane. "It gave them an idea of the training their spouses go through prior to an airborne operation with the 173rd," said Haynie.

Hooah Day participants also tackled a few of the obstacles on the confidence course. On their way through the course they encouraged one another as each spouse scaled a wall and giant's ladder, crawled through the sand and under barbed wire, and maneuvered on elevated platforms.

Events such as Hooah Day help build confidence, friendships and promote teamwork, which are the same qualities the course is designed to instill in Soldiers as well.

"The Hooah Day event drew a lot of spouses that we have not been seeing at most of our regular events," explained Gina Little, 4-319th AFAR, FRSA. "When you see people laughing and helping one another that may not have otherwise had the chance to meet, you know the event has made a difference."



4-319th AFAR spouses watch 1st Sgt. Damon Burnett demonstrate how to strap on a parachute during the Hooah Day events on Oct. 12.

## Garrison transformations will not decrease commitment to community



This is, as you may know, the first time I'm addressing you in this forum. I want to start off by highlighting a few things about this garrison.

Our main focus and reason for being is the support and wellbeing of our Soldiers and Families.

Each and every member of the garrison team supports our war fighters and their Families in one way or another—customer service is our business.

However, the reality is, the support and services we provide are shaped by both our organization and our funding and so I want to talk to you about these two things in greater detail.

As many of you know we are in the process of significantly changing our garrison. As of Oct. 1, we are a direct reporting garrison and no longer have an intermediate headquarters that controls our budget or personnel actions.

Additionally, we are simultaneously undergoing another transformation. This transformation is intended to standardize garrison organization and support that the Soldiers and Family members receive from all Army garrisons worldwide.

This transformation involves the implementation of the Standard Garrison Organization (SGO) and the Common Levels of Support (CLS).

In the end, the standardization of these services is about improving quality of life no matter where a Solider is assigned; they expect and will eventually receive (as SGO and CLS are implemented) the same level of support and services from any garrison.

I think you will be happy to know that we are already structured in compliance with the Standard Garrison Organization (SGO) and so we will not see any significant changes in the structure of our Garrison as it exists right now.

Additionally, the vast majority of the support and services we provide are in compliance with the Common Levels of Support (CLS). However, the CLS not only defines which support and services we provide, but also the level, or standard, that we provide them to.

The important thing to realize is that our funding is directly tied to the CLS.

Therefore, when it comes to implementing the CLS, we can expect to see changes resulting from the alignment of our support and services with the CLS and also from the tailoring of the levels of support and services we provide to our funding allocation level.

The leadership of the garrison met a few weeks ago to align our mission, our vision and our goals with those of our headquarters, Installation Management Command Europe, and to align our services and programs with common levels of support.

We are committed to ensuring that our employees and our customers know what

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to expect as we align our programs and services. We are getting smarter and better at identifying and providing the things Soldiers and Families need to enjoy a successful and pleasant stay here in Bamberg.

We are getting better by improving what we do for you and we are getting smarter by improving how we do business. Your input and involvement is crucial to our success.

Bamberg is a community of choice. We encourage you to get involved and to join us, the garrison team, in our effort to build a "one family Army community".

Your active participation will speed up the process of becoming one team supporting one fight. If you have questions or concerns I encourage you to see me during my open door hours on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. USAG Bamberg works every day, so Soldiers and Families can say:

"Bamberg was the greatest community in which I ever lived." Our Garrison: Making memories of a lifetime every day.

Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg
Commander, US Army Garrison Bamberg

### Attend Red Ribbon Week 5k Fun Run on Monday morning

Red Ribbon Week will kickoff for the USAG Bamberg
community on Monday
morning with a Soldier and
civilian 5K fun run starting
at 6:30 a.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility.
The entire community
is invited to run with our
Soldiers, the ROTC and

the Bamberg High School cross country team in support of the campaign.

# Mailing meat leads to \$100 fines and more

By Robert Szostek U.S. European Command Customs Public Affairs Office

Many U.S. personnel in Europe have received a \$100 fine from the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) because they mailed packages of wurst, ham or pâté to America. However, infestations of animal disease cost the U.S. taxpayer millions of dollars each year.

It is illegal to import red meats and sausage into the USA without U.S. Department of Agriculture approval. CBP routinely checks packages from overseas, often with dogs trained to sniff out food. Trying to "sneak" meats into the country is a crime and it is worth remembering this as you prepare your holiday shopping list later this year.

"All packages mailed to the USA must have a customs declaration," said William Manning, USDA attaché to the U.S. European Command. "In many cases, people falsely list the contents of packages. Willfully trying to import anything into the USA without declaring it, is smuggling and carries very stiff penalties and fines," he added. "To aid in the fight against pests and diseases in the USA, we must all do our part. We can all start by honoring our import laws. It's the right thing to do."

Call the Bamberg customs office at DSN:469-7460 to find out more at or visit our website at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/uscustoms.htm.

## Military One Source offers a new counseling service

By Air Force Lt. Col Deborah Nicolas

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has contracted with Military One Source (MOS) for a new program. Starting Oct. 15, MOS will offer a Short-Term Solution Focused Telephonic (STSF-T) Consultation Program. The U.S. European Command Headquarters Quality of Life conference discussed the need for increased counseling resources. The result was the STSF-T Consultation Program, which will include up to six sessions per person, per issue and will be consistent with the in-person counseling service available via Military OneSource in the continental U.S.

The service is available by phone and online and at no cost to active duty, guard and reserve, regardless of activation status, and their families. It offers help with information concerning child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation and other valuable information.

The STSF-T Consultation Program is effective in helping individuals resolve issues such as adjustment to situational stressors, stress management, decision making, communication, grief, blended-family issues, and parenting-skills issues. STSF-T Consultations will adhere to the MOS Confidentiality/Privacy and reportable-event protocols. The toll-free numbers from each country as well as other information on Military One Source is available by logging on to www.militaryonesource.com

#### **Community Announcements**

#### Breast Cancer Month Awareness luncheon

The Bamberg community is invited to attend a Breast Cancer Month Awareness luncheon sponsored by the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club and the Bam-

berg Health Promotion Office on Thur. Oct 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Col. Schneider, Bavaria MEDDAC Commander. This event is open to the entire community by reservation only. You do not need to be a BSCC member to attend. Please e-mail reservations@bsccgermany.com to reserve your seat. Please RSVP by Oct. 23. Hourly childcare will be available through the CDC. Call DSN 469-8789. Luncheon will cost \$12 per person.





## **USAG Bamberg Red Ribbon Week Activities**

Get involved in the week-long events and take the opportunity to be visible and vocal in your desire to help create a drug-free community.

#### Mon. Oct. 22-5k Fun Run

Red Ribbon Week will kick-off for the USAG Bamberg community on Mon. Oct. 22 with a Soldier and civilian 5K fun run starting at 6:30 a.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. The entire community is invited to run with our Soldiers, the ROTC and the Bamberg High School cross country team in support of the campaign.

#### **BHS Poster Contest**

Bamberg High School students are invited to participate in an essay and poster contest using the theme, "Take care of yourself... take care of others." First place essays will be featured in the Warner Weekly.

#### **Community Information Booths**

A community information booth will be set-up in the Bamberg commissary foyer on Tue. Oct. 23 and 24. Stop by to learn more about treatment and prevention resources.

#### Pledge to be Drug Free

During lunch on Oct. 23, BHS students can sign a pledge to be drug free, take a quiz and win prizes.

## Fri. Oct. 26 Wear Red Day!

Show your support for a drug free community and wear red today! BHS will conduct an all school assembly from 2 to 2:50 p.m. featuring the Drum Corps, Drama skits, video productions, band, choir, and ROTC color guard. Es-

say and poster contest winner will be announced and awarded.

For more information about the Red Ribbon Week campaign or treatment and prevention resources contact Linda Riddle, ASACS Counselor at CIV:0951-303-103 or Darlene Copeland Prevention Coordinator ASAP at CIV:0951-300-1710.







#### It's the Great Pumpkin Dash!

Children of all ages sprint out to the pumpkin patch in search of three free pumpkins at the start of the Pumpkin Festival at Warner Barracks on Saturday. The 4-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment Family Readiness Groups sponsored this community event selling approximately 300 pumpkins from the patch as well as food, gourmet caramel apples, gourds and more. Photos by Amy L. Bugala

#### Fall Clean-Up is Nov. 5-8

The annual USAG Bamberg Fall Clean-Up will be Nov. 5-8. Bags of leaves and bulk will be picked-up at ON-POST housing Nov. 5-8. Leased and OFF-POST housing should use City Bulk dates or bring bags of leaves and bulk to the Recycling Center.

Units have to take their bulk trash and bags of leaves to the Recycling Center and separate. For more information contact Mr. Weis at DSN:469-7598 / 8849, DPW-Environmental Office or Housing Zone Coordinator SSG Tyrone King at DSN:469-7946.

The DPW Self-Help Store has the equipment you need to clean up this fall. Trash Bags, Rakes, Wheel barrows, Shovels, Brooms, Ladders (6, 7, & 8ft.) and more! Self-Help is located at Bldg #7039 across from the MWR Car Wash. Operating Hours are Mon. thru Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on weekends and all German and American Holidays. For more information call Self-Help at DSN:469-7669

#### **Closures / Changes**

#### CMR oversized mail pick-up

Effective immediately: The CMR oversized package pick-up will now be located at the Transportation Motor Pool, Bldg 7102. Customers will receive a notification slip with instructions in their mailbox and can pick-up oversized parcels from 1 to 2 p.m. or by appointment by calling DSN:469-8710. Oversized packages include items such as (footlockers, car parts, bikes, large toys etc.)

## Temporary change to CMR customer service hours

Due to an early increase of holiday season mail, the CMR will be changing customer service window / package pick-up hours. The change will be temporary and not expected to last more than four weeks.

Effective Mon. Oct. 22: The consolidated mailroom (CMR) customer service window / package pick-up hours of operation will be: Mon. through Fri. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then 4 to 6 p.m. Closed on Federal Holidays. Customers can still access their mailboxes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information call Leland Samuels, Bamberg Postal Officer at DSN:469-7500.

#### **Road Work on First Street**

First Street (near Bldg. 7108, 7114, 7115) will be reduced to one lane from Oct. 15-26 for utility work. Use caution as this is designated as a one way road, yet two way traffic occurs when cars access the DPW Housing Office parking lot.

#### ASAP closed on Thur. Oct. 25

The Bamberg Alcohol Substance Abuse Program will be closed on Thur. Oct. 25 for an Organizational Day.

#### **Weekly Reminders**

#### **Expecting?**

In-processing a newborn has been simplified. As of June 2007, babies born into already command sponsored families automatically receive command sponsorship, as per IAW AR Supplement 1 to AR 55-46 of June 29, 2007. For more info contact Staff Sgt. Ndifor in the Military Personnel Division at DSN:469-8797

#### FFF lockers for daily use only

Freedom Fitness Facility patrons are reminded that lockers are for daily use only. All locks have been removed and personal items left in the lockers have been bagged and are awaiting pick up by the owner. Please be sure to stop by the FFF and pick up your things. For more information contact the FFF at DSN:469-8890.

#### **Get Ready to Fall Back!**

Daylight Saving time ends in Europe on Sun. Oct. 28. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour back starting at 3 a.m.

#### Pizza Nights every Friday at DFAC

Every Friday come out to Ray's Diner (DFAC) and enjoy all-you-can-eat-pizza and spaghetti from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for only \$3.65. This offer excludes holidays and is sponsored by the 16th SB.

#### **Health and Fitness**

## Medical advice is only a phone call away

The TRICARE Nurse Advice Line gives callers around-the-clock access to medical information and advice. The Nurse Advice Line provides:

- Registered nurses who can answer questions, provide self-care advice and help you decide if you need to seek immediate care.
- An audio health library with easy-to-understand information on hundreds of topics.
- Help with managing chronic conditions, such as diabetes or asthma.

The Nurse Advice Line is available throughout Europe. The number below is a toll-free number for callers in Germany and western Europe.

The Nurse Advice Line number is 00800-4759-2330 (DSN 99 line: 0800-825-1600)

## Tobacco Cessation Classes offered at Healthclinic

To help you put the "butt-out" the Bamberg Health Clinic is offering Tobacco Cessation courses beginning Tue. Oct. 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The course consists of two sessions and will continue monthly on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except December. Anyone who is interested in becoming tobacco free can attend the Tobacco Cessation course including military ID holders, DA civilians and local nationals employees. (continued next page)



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Weissenburgstrasse 12, 96052 Bamberg Telephone:DSN:469-2000, Fax: DSN:469-8033 The first session, covers understanding addiction and creating a plan to prepare to quit. The second session offered from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., also on the fourth Tuesday of the month, discusses mastering the obstacles of quitting and living a tobacco free lifestyle.

The tobacco cessation program includes a consultation with a health care provider to determine if nicotine replacement therapy (patches) or the prescription medication Zyban is appropriate for the participant.

Contact the Bamberg Health Clinic to sign up for the course at DSN:469-7772.

#### **Basketball officials clinic**

Become a certified basketball official! Unit level games pay \$20 per game, community level games pay \$35. To get (re)certified attend the officials clinic Oct. 24 - 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Advance sign up is requested. Contact the FFF at CIV:0951-300-8890 for more information.

#### Kids and Teens

#### Join the AWANA Club

AWANA, an international, non-denominational Children's Ministry whose focus centers on scripture memorization, will meet every Sunday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the High School Gym starting Oct. 21. The club is open to all children ages 4 to 12. Participants earn badges and awards as they progress through their books, compete in physical activities, observe dramas and sing songs. Registration is now open and forms are available at the Chapel. For more information, contact Luke Granger at the chapel DSN:469-8140.

#### **School News**

#### Attend BES Fall Festival

The Bamberg PTA and Student Council Fall Festival Costume Bingo Ball will be held on Fri. Oct. 26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bamberg Elementary gym. All BES students and their families are invited. Cost is a bag of candy for inside-the-school trick or treating.

#### **Bamberg Elementary School Calendar**

Mon. Oct. 8 Columbus Day -Federal Holiday

Thur. Nov. 1 End of 1st Quarter (47 days of classroom instruction)

Fri. Nov. 2 No School for Students - Teacher Work day

Mon. Nov. 5 Begin 2nd Semester

Thur. Nov. 8 No School for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences Fri. Nov. 9 No School for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences

#### **BES Newsletter online**

A copy of the Bamberg Elementary School newsletter can be found on-line at http://www.bamb-es.eu.dodea.edu/news/news.html. A copy of the school newsletter can also be picked up in the front office.

#### **Entertainment & Leisure**

#### USAREUR Band and Chorus perform in Bamberg on Oct. 24



The US Army Europe Band and Chorus will be performing a Fall Concert at the Bamberg Konzert and Kongresshalle on Wed. Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for 9.50 Euro for all military, civilian and retirees with valid Military ID card. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the BVD-Kartenservice or Infothek in the Rathaus in the Maxplatz. The USAG Bamberg

Public Affairs Office (Bldg. 7089) has a limited number of free tickets available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Only two tickets per person. If you pick up free tickets, please honor them by attending the performance. For more information or for tickets contact the Bamberg Public Affairs Office at DSN:469-1600.

#### Play Bingo, Win prizes Wed. Nov. 7

The Bamberg Aqua Barons Swim Team is hosting a Bingo Night on Wed. Nov. 7 in the High School Multi-Purpose Room. Win all kinds of great European prizes including Polish pottery. Doors open at 6 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m. \$8 or \$15 packets are available which include playing cards and raffle tickets. Concessions will be available

#### "Painting With Light" Art Exhibit at the CAC tonight







Learn all about Hungary through the eyes of artist and photographer, Ilona Wellmann, at a Hungarian cultural event on tonight at 6 p.m. at the Community Activity Center (CAC). Meet the artist, enjoy culinary samples, and listen to live music while experiencing the spirit of Hungary. The artist's photos and Hungarian Halas lace will be available for purchase until Nov. 4. Halas Lace making demonstrations will be at the CAC today from 2 to 9 p.m.

Follow the yellow brick road to the Stable Theater!

Tickets are on sale now for the "The Wizard of Oz" Nov. 8 –11 and 15 to 18. Call CIV:0951-300-8647 to reserve your seat

## BSCC'S 2007: A Night at the Masquerade Charity Basket Auction

Spend a "Night at the Masquerade" on Fri. Nov. 16 during the Bamberg Spouses' & Civilians' Club annual Charity Basket Auction. Enjoy a festive evening of intrigue, mystery and philanthropy all starting at 6 p.m. at the Warner Club. Cost is \$5 per person to participate in the live and silent auction or \$15 per person with an Italian Dinner. Bidding paddles included! Remember to check your identity at the door, the most fanciful and creative mask will win a prize. If you don't own a mask, basic masks will be made available at the door. Vendors, European crafters and a cash bar will be available.

Tickets go on sale at the Thrift Shop starting Wed. Oct. 24 (Shop is open Tue., Wed. and Thur. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sat. Nov. 3) or reserve your tickets by e-mailing auction@bsccgermany.com. Please RSVP by Nov. 14 to attend. Proceeds from all B.S.C.C. events help fund grants and scholarships for groups and members of the Bamberg Community.

#### **Trips & Travel Opportunities**

#### Take a trip with ODR in October / November

Take a trip this October / November with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

#### Sat. Oct. 27 Exploring Würzburg \$20

Come see the historic sites in Würzburg before they close for the winter. We will spend the morning at the Marienberg Fortress overlooking the city and the afternoon downtown at the Würzburg Residenz. A German tour is available at the Fortress in the morning and an English tour is available at the Residenz in the afternoon. Includes Transportation and admission to both sites/tours. Departs CAC at 8 a.m. and returns approx 6 p.m.

Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.

#### Sat. Nov. 3 Little Swiss Hike \$10

Join us for a 12k day hike through nearby Little Swiss. The hike will have some hills. Please wear layers, comfortable shoes and bring lunch, water and snacks. Departs the CAC at 9 a.m. and returns approx. 5 p.m.

#### Thur. Nov. 8 Tour Under Bamberg \$20

This unique trip through tunnels under Bamberg gives a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp, please wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. Departs the CAC at 5 p.m. and returns approx. 7:30 p.m.

#### Weekend Nov. 10-12 Snowboard & Ski \$195

We're headed to Austria for some early season glacier skiing and riding. Trip includes transportation and lodging with breakfast and dinner. Get reduced rentals and an equipment tune-up at the ODR ski shop. Departs the CAC at 10 a.m. on Nov. 10 and returns approx. 10 p.m. on Nov. 12.

#### Fri. Nov. 16 Dinner and Wine Tasting \$50

Join us for a unique dining experience at the historic Schloss Buttenheim. The event includes a three-course dinner and tasting of five wines from the renowned vineyard Bodega Miguel Merino. We will also have a special presentation from Mr. Miguel Merino Jr. on modern winemaking in the Rioja region of Spain. Price includes dinner, wine and transportation. Departs the CAC at 6 p.m., returns approx. 11 p.m.

#### Join FISC in Austria for Thanksgiving skiing

The Franconia International Ski Club is planning a trip to Hintertux, Austria from Nov. 21 to 25. Enjoy great skiing and a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner as well. Contact Leslie Hall at CIV:0175-326-5519, Candace Merritt at CIV:0171-943-4672 or send an email to franconiaskiclub@yahoo.com for more information.

FISC meets once a month in Bamberg at 6 p.m. Come to the next meeting and find out more about their planned trips and activities.

#### Bamberg meeting dates are:

October 24, November 28, December 19, January 23 February 27, March 26, April 23

Bamberg location is the Maisel Keller; *Moosstrasse* 32. For more information contact Michelle at CIV:09721-475-8647 or email franconiaskiclub@yahoo.com.

#### **Job Opportunities**

#### Part-time vendor job opportunity

A part-time job opportunity with a sales vendor is available at Bamberg Warner Barracks. Job duties include stocking shelves, scanning inventory. Competitive pay, with flexible day-time hours (25 to 30 hrs per week) and no weekends. E-mail

#### **AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule**

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tues. and Wed.

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Fri. Oct. 19	9 Heartbreak Kid (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 20	0 Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	Heartbreak Kid (R)	7 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 2	1 Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	Heartbreak Kid (R)	7 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 22	2 Heartbreak Kid (R)	7 p.m.
Thur. Oct. 2	5 Stardust (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 20	6 We Own the Night (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 2	7 The Invasion (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	We Own the Night (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 2	8 The Invasion (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	War (R)	7 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 29	9 We Own the Night (R)	4 p.m.
Thur. Nov. 1	War (R)	7 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 2	30 Days of Night (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 3	Daddy Day Camp (PG)	4 p.m.
	30 Days of Night (R)	7 p.m.

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## Halloween Happenings!

#### **Costume shopping around town**

There are a wide variety of places to shop for costumes around town, both on and off post. AAFES has a wide selection of costumes in all sizes at the PXtra. The party store, Peter Schauer, at Nürnberger Str. 116 in Bamberg also has a wide selection of costumes and party supplies. Call CIV:0951-12654 for more details.

## Halloween Yard Decorating Contest



All Warner Barracks residents can compete in the Halloween yard decorating contest. All registered yards, balco-

nies and stairwells will be judged. Be spooky and creative! Participants must register through the Housing Zone Coordinator Staff Sgt. Tyrone King at DSN:469-7946 or your stairwell or building coordinator. Registration is open now through Oct. 24. Prizes will go to the scariest and most creative! Judging will be Oct. 25 through Oct. 29.

#### Mon. Oct. 22 Pumpkin patch trip to Altendorf



Join the Bamberg community library on a trip to the Altendorf pumpkin patch on Mon. Oct. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided, just

bring Euro to purchase pumpkins. For more information call the Bamberg Community Library at DSN:469-1740.

## Wed. Oct. 24 Pumpkin carving party

The Bamberg community library is hosting a pumpkin carving party on Wed. Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. For more information call the Community Library at DSN:469-1740.

## Fri. Oct. 26 -Costume karaoke at the Moonlight Cabin

Come out to the Moonlight Cabin on Fri. Oct. 26 for costume karaoke. With over 3,000 songs to choose from and prizes for the best costume it'll be a great time! If you can't sing, don't worry...you'll be in costume! Karaoke starts at 9 p.m. and

continues until closing. Call the Moonlight Cabin for details at DSN:469-8423.

#### Mon. Oct. 29 -Spooky bowling

Spooky Halloween Bowling will take place on Mon. Oct. 29 at the Birchview Bowling Center. Customers can bowl for only .50 cents per game. Stop by for some trick-ortreats from 5 to 9 p.m. Show up in costume and receive a coupon for a free game! Cosmic bowling will be available.

## Wed. Oct. 31—USAG Bamberg trick-or-treating hours

The trick-or-treating hours for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Warner Barracks will be on Wed. Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Wed. Oct. 31 -Harry Potter costume contest

Children and adults are invited to participate in a Harry Potter costume contest on Halloween night at the Bamberg community library. All Harrys, Hermiones, Draco Malfoys, Dumbledores, Hagrids and more are invited to cast their spells and win prizes on Wed. Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. For more information call the Bamberg community library at CIV:0951-300-1740.

## Wed. Oct. 31 Harvest Fest offers family fun

The Bamberg Community Chapel and MWR are sponsoring a Harvest Fest on Wed. Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Bamberg High School Gymnasium. The Harvest Fest is a Christian alternative to customary Halloween activities. There will be games, activities and candy for the whole family. Please wear only family friendly costumes. Call CIV:0951-300-7452 for more information.

#### Save on costume photos!

Have Kimberly take your portrait in costume during the month of October and receive 10% off your order. Call the Community Activity Center and make an appointment today at DSN:469-8659.

## Wed. Oct. 31—Trick-or-Treat at the CAC

Stop by the Community Activity Center in costume on Oct. 31 and receive at treat!

#### **Costume Safety Tips:**

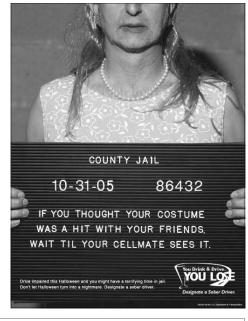
- Be sure the material is fire resistant.
- Choose bright colors or add reflective tape.
- Make sure the costume's not a tripping hazard.
- If it's cold outside, wear warm clothes under the costume.

#### Halloween safety tips:

If you are not accompanying your children, make sure...

- They wear a watch and know when they're curfew is.
- Have enough money to call home if needed.
- They do not to eat any candy until they get home and you inspect it first.
- They are careful when crossing streets. Walk on sidewalks, not in the street or yards. Walk, do not run, from house to house.
- They know, if approached by a stranger, go to the nearest well lit house and find an adult.
- They do not trust anyone they don't know or recognize.
- Never let children under 12 trick or treat alone!
- And for all of you who are old enough to do so...

Don't drink and drive!



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#### **Outside the Gate**

#### **Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

#### Friday, October 19

7:30 p.m. Brose Baskets play Deutsche Bank Skyliners (basketball) at Jako Arena Boogie woogie concert at Musikzentrum 8 p.m. (Schillerplatz 4) 9 p.m. The Shanes on stage at the Live Club 9 p.m. Lajos Dudas Trio in concert at Jazz Club (Flute) 9 p.m. Kristine Seelye from the USA at Club Kaulberg 9 p.m. Bluebird live at the Blues Bar 9 p.m. "Hard Polka" with the Shanes at Live Club

DJ Dave plays Independent Music at Stilbruch 9 p.m.

Reggae at the Morph Club 10 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 20

5 p.m. Wine fest at Alte Muehle restaurant in Muehlendorf 6 p.m. Wine fest at Sportheim Waizendorf Volksmarching at Heroldsbach, start at 7 p.m. school center - in Heroldsbach, Call:09131-59115 7:30 p.m. Bock beer start at Brewery Kundmueller in Viereth 8 p.m. Night Live Festival at downtown Erlangen with 19 bands on 19 stages, one ticket for all (6 Euro) 8 p.m. Wine fest at sportsclub TSV Kelbachgrund

Kleukheim (Kleukheim 96250) 8 p.m. "Rail Road" plays country music at Schuetzenhaus Kunigundenruh (Kunigundenruh 1, 96123 Litzendorf, the restaurant is outside of the village in the forest)

8 p.m. "Jesus Christ Superstar" at Buergersaal Stegaurach (Elsterweg, Stegaurach 96135)

"Good Gravy" traditional blues from the 20ies and 9 p.m. 30ies at Blues Bar

"Dancing in the moonlight - over 30 party" 9 p.m. at Club Kaulberg

10 p.m. Punk rock at Sound'n"Arts

10 p.m. 30 plus party (non-smoking) at Live-Club 10 p.m. Techno music party at Morph Club

#### Sunday, October 21

All day

7 a.m. Volksmarching at Heroldsbach, start at school] center - in Heroldsbach, Call:09131-59115 10 a.m. Hobby, artists and ideas market at Abtenberg hall (Rattelsdorf 96179, Ebinger Straße 20) "Duets of the Romantics" concert at Martksaal 3 p.m. Rentweinsdorf (Planplatz 12, Rentweinsdorf 96184)

Autumn market in Hirschhaid (main street)

Italian Madrigals from Monteverdi to Gesualdo 5 p.m. (17th century music) at the library of the Karmelitenkloster monastery (Karmelitenplatz 1)

"Harmonic Brass" in concert at Marienkirche church 5 p.m. (Steinweg 6, Koenigsberg 97486)

Live piano ot Hofbraeu Restaurant (Karolinenstr. 7) 7 p.m.

8 p.m. "Eve and Lilith" play at TM Theater am Michelsberg, play in English

Schubert in music and lyrics at Musikzentrum 8 p.m.

(Schillerplatz 4)

#### **Getting around Bamberg**

When events take place in downtown Bamberg, it is advisable to take public transport or a taxi. For a taxi call 15015 or 34545, if you live outside of Bamberg, you have to dial 0951 first). If you want to take the bus, it's Nr. 2 (Poedeldorfer Strasse, right outside of gate 5) or Nr. 1 (Aeussere Zollnerstrasse, right outside of gate 3) - direction "Stadtmitte" or "ZOB". For a bus map or time schedule go to http://www.verkehrsbetriebe.de/ and click on "FAHRPLANAUSKUNFT" on the top.

#### WMC Title Fight Oct. 27 at JAKO Arena

Canadian Superstar and WMC Intercontinental Champion Clifton Brown will fight Germany's own Tyron Priest West, WMC German & European Champion for the WMC World Super Lightheavyweight Belt on Sat. Oct. 27 at the Jako Arena. The Champions Club Show and the Fightcard on the Oct. 27 have no less than 5 World Champions and 7 National Champions lined up for the show.

For more information check www.the-championsclub.com for updates. For information on the JAKO Arena Bamberg check www.jako-arena.com .

#### As seen in the NEWS ..

#### News summaries from Oct.12-18

#### Hit by soccer ball - dead

An 83-year-old woman was hit by a soccer ball and suffered fatal injuries from the incident. Youngsters were playing on a semi-fenced soccer field when the ball rolled out of the area. A teenager meant to kick the ball back into the field, but the ball hit the woman who was just passing by.

#### Kunigunde's scepter stolen

Unknown offenders stole the golden scepter of a statue of the Holy Kunigunde at Untere Bruecke bridge in downtown Bamberg. The police assume that the deed was executed directedly as it was expertly removed. The golden scepter is worth 2000 Euro. The item was last seen on September 21, but city officials noticed the theft no earlier than September 26. Police is investigating.

#### 400 students less in Bamberg

8,853 students have registered for the new semester 07/08 at Bamberg university. That is some 400 students less than previous years and is probably due to the introduction of study fees. As other federal states of Germany have not introduced this fee, their universities have experienced a rise in registration.

#### Speed control: Caught with 62 m/h

At Rhein-Main-Donau Kanal a speed control camera was put in place. 76 cars were caught driving faster than the allowed 31 m/ h. The fastest driver was caught with 62 m/h and will have his driving license suspended.

#### Eon Bayern will increase electricity prices

The regional provider of energy, Eon Bayern, has announced that prices for electricity will rise as of January 1 by an average of ten percent.

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#### New river bed for local creek

The Leitenbach in Memmelsdorf is now flowing through its new river bed. The creek had to be redirected since it kept causing flood problems in Memmelsdorf. Now, a 1K "bypass" has solved the issue. In addition to the new river bed, the authorities will plant 50 lowland or riparian forest trees such as ash trees and alders.

#### Bridge will be more expensive than planned

Lord Mayor Andreas Starke confronted the construction authorities of the city of Bamberg with the fact that the construction of the new Loewenbruecke bridge will already cost 800,000 Euros more than planned. The reasons for this increase is being reviewed.

#### Laying of cornerstone for new furniture store

Construction of a new furniture store in Bamberg-South near Nuremberger Strasse has had its official ceremony. In the attendance of Lord Mayor Andreas Starke the cornerstone was laid. The store will be as big as 120 single homes and is scheduled to begin partial operation as early as Spring 2008.

#### **Disappointed Frankonians**

The new Bavarian prime minister, Guenther Beckstein, a native of the Middle Frankonian region himself, has introduced his new cabinet. To the disappointment of many Upper Frankonian people, there won't be any further minister from this region.

#### Study proves: Bamberg only top ranking in leisure facilities

According to a national study, the city and county of Bamberg is not among the top regions for families to live, but at middle level. Meanwhile, the city of Erlangen is among those on the top. The study researched housing prices and facilities, education, leisure time offers, employment and demographics for each specific region.

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